

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1629 - SB 1921

March 25, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the criminal history records checks performed on employees of organizations licensed by the Department of Mental Health (DMH) be conducted on a nationwide basis. Requires the organization to check the registry containing the names of individuals determined to have abused, neglected, misappropriated, or exploited the property of vulnerable individuals prior to hiring a future employee and prohibits anyone contained in the registry from being hired.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the DMH, this is the current practice of the regional mental health institutions (RMHIs) and the Regional Intervention Program and the majority of the agencies and service providers licensed by DMH.
- The provisions of the bill apply to the residential, day, or supported employment providers contracted by the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD).
- Any increase in costs incurred by organizations to expand the criminal history records check to a nationwide basis will not be significant and will not have a significant fiscal impact on reimbursement rates to providers.
- Requiring organizations to check the registry maintained by the Department of Health will not have a significant fiscal impact on the organizations or the maintenance and support of the registry.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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